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SUBJECT: SPEAKING INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY FROM
THE FEDERATION OF GERMAN INDUSTRIES

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST TO PASS THE FOLLOWING SPEAKING INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY FOR HIS CONSIDERATION. IT CONCERNS THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF GERMAN INDUSTRIES WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR IN COLOGNE ON MAY 21-22. THESE MEETINGS TRADITIONALLY ATTRACT ABOUT 1,000 TOP GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS. ON THE SECOND DAY GUEST SPEAKERS USUALLY ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PARTICIPANTS (GROSSKUNDGEBUNG) AT WHICH, THIS YEAR, DR. HANS-GUENTHER SOHL, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION, AND FINANCE

MINISTER SCHMIDT WILL SPEAK.

2. SINCE THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CURRENTLY OCCUPIES THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT DIFFICULTIES IN THE UNITED STATES/ECONOMIC COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP, DR. SOHL THINKS IT WOULD BE HIGHLY APPROPRIATE AND BENEFICIAL IF THE SECRETARY WERE TO ADDRESS THE FEDERATION MEETING ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF "EUROPEAN-ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP." DR. SOHL FEELS THAT SUCH AN ADDRESS TO A LARGE AND INFLUENTIAL GERMAN AUDIENCE WOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE REPAIR OF TRANS-ATLANTIC RELATIONS.

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3. IF THE SECRETARY WERE TO AGREE TO THIS APPEARANCE,

IT WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M. ON MAY 22.

4. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO REPORT THE SECRETARY'S
REACTION SO THAT THE EMBASSY CAN INFORM DR. SOHL.
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